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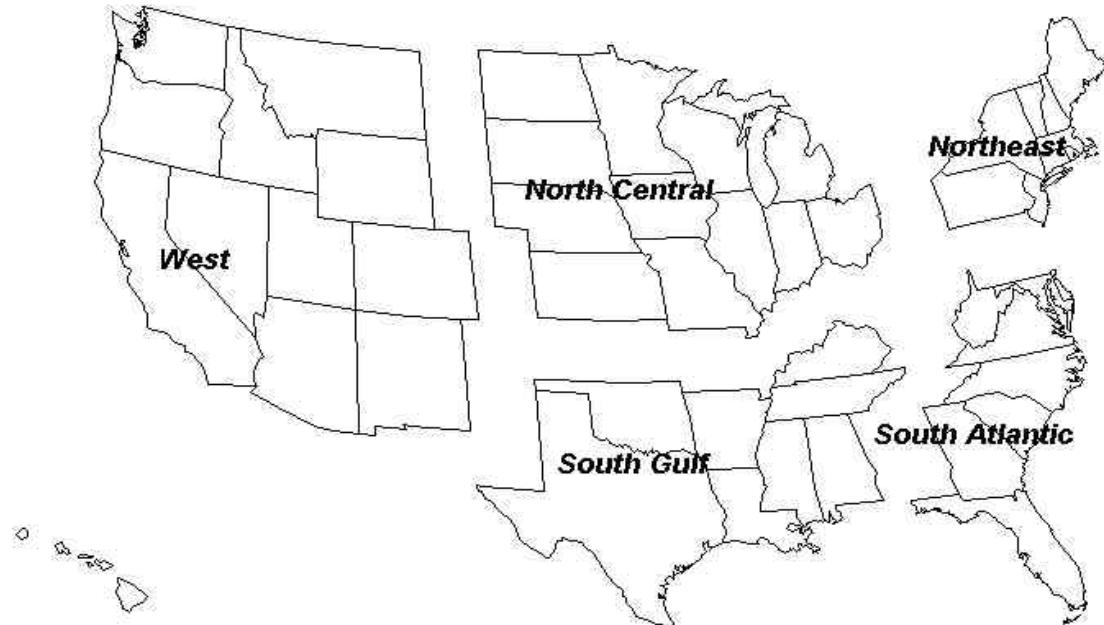
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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

February 2001



Travel on all roads and streets
changed by -0.5 percent for February
2001 as compared to February 2000.



Estimated Vehicle-Miles of Travel by Region - February 2001 - (in Billions)

West	North Central	South Gulf	Northeast	South Atlantic
42.1	44.4	38.9	28.9	39.9

Change in Traffic as compared to the same month last year.

+2.4% -2.0% -1.8% -1.4% +0.3%

Note: All data for this month are preliminary. Revised values for the previous month are shown in Tables 1 and 2.

All vehicle -miles of travel computed with 1999 Table VM-2 as a base. The monthly totals reflect 29 days of travel in February 2000 and 28 days of travel in 2001.

Traffic Volume Trends - February 2001

Based on preliminary reports from the State Highway Agencies, travel during February 2001 on all roads and streets in the nation changed by -0.5 percent as compared to February 2000 resulting in estimated travel for the month at 194.3 billion vehicle-miles. This total includes 73.9 billion vehicle-miles on rural roads and 120.3 billion vehicle-miles on urban roads and streets.

Travel for the current month as well the cumulative yearly total on all roads and streets is shown below. Similar totals for each year since 1970 are also included.

Travel in Millions All Roads and Streets		
Year	Februar	Year to Date
1970	77,442	157,615
1971	80,118	165,455
1972	88,272	180,738
1973	92,567	189,231
1974	86,426	181,456
1975	91,303	189,645
1976	98,528	200,988
1977	102,416	204,861
1978	107,018	216,855
1979	109,650	224,004
1980	107,338	223,800
1981	109,765	225,814
1982	107,512	217,269
1983	111,828	231,263
1984	117,483	240,013
1985	119,367	243,488
1986	123,526	256,524
1987	135,996	275,914
1988	141,748	290,627
1989	146,732	306,482
1990	153,559	317,159
1991	153,351	311,240
1992	160,204	327,856
1993	162,844	334,524
1994	166,444	335,758
1995	171,053	364,891
1996	176,562	360,027
1997	183,950	374,076
1998	187,167	384,037
1999	192,333	386,770
2000	195,204	394,480
2001	194,265	398,257

Traffic Volume Trends is a monthly report based on hourly traffic count data. These data, collected at approximately 4,000 continuous traffic counting locations nationwide, are used to determine the percent change in traffic for the current month compared to the same month in the previous year. This percent change is applied to the travel for the same month of the previous year to obtain an estimate of travel for the current month.

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Table 1 - Estimated Individual Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel In The United States

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2000 Individual Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	18.5	18.0	21.5	21.7	23.2	23.6	25.3	24.8	21.8	22.3	21.0	20.3
Rural Other Arterial	29.5	29.4	34.5	34.2	37.0	37.2	39.0	38.5	35.2	35.9	32.8	31.6
Other Rural	27.8	27.3	32.3	32.0	34.6	34.6	35.5	35.3	32.7	33.5	30.3	28.8
Urban Interstate	29.2	28.7	32.9	32.2	34.3	34.3	33.6	34.5	32.4	33.3	32.1	31.3
Urban Other Arterial	66.9	65.1	75.7	72.9	76.7	77.2	75.6	78.1	72.2	75.6	73.0	72.1
Other Urban	<u>27.3</u>	<u>26.8</u>	<u>30.9</u>	<u>30.2</u>	<u>31.8</u>	<u>31.5</u>	<u>31.3</u>	<u>31.7</u>	<u>29.8</u>	<u>31.1</u>	<u>29.3</u>	<u>30.0</u>
All Systems	199.3	195.2	227.8	223.1	237.6	238.3	240.3	242.9	224.2	231.8	218.4	214.2
2001 Individual Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	18.9	18.1										
Rural Other Arterial	30.2	29.0										
Other Rural	28.3	26.8										
Urban Interstate	30.1	28.7										
Urban Other Arterial	68.8	64.9										
Other Urban	<u>27.8</u>	<u>26.7</u>										
All Systems	204.0	194.3										
Percent Change In Individual Monthly Travel 2000 vs. 2001												
Rural Interstate	1.9	0.9										
Rural Other Arterial	2.1	-1.2										
Other Rural	1.6	-1.8										
Urban Interstate	3.1	0.1										
Urban Other Arterial	2.8	-0.3										
Other Urban	<u>1.7</u>	<u>-0.2</u>										
All Systems	2.4	-0.5										

Table 2 - Estimated Cumulative Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel In The United States

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2000 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	18.5	36.5	58.1	79.8	103.0	126.5	151.8	176.6	198.5	220.8	241.8	262.1
Rural Other Arterial	29.5	58.9	93.4	127.6	164.6	201.8	240.7	279.2	314.4	350.3	383.0	414.7
Other Rural	27.8	55.1	87.4	119.5	154.1	188.6	224.1	259.4	292.1	325.6	355.8	384.7
Urban Interstate	29.2	57.9	90.8	123.0	157.3	191.6	225.2	259.6	292.1	325.4	357.5	388.7
Urban Other Arterial	66.9	132.0	207.7	280.5	357.2	434.4	510.0	588.1	660.4	736.0	809.1	881.2
Other Urban	<u>27.3</u>	<u>54.1</u>	<u>84.9</u>	<u>115.1</u>	<u>147.0</u>	<u>178.5</u>	<u>209.8</u>	<u>241.5</u>	<u>271.3</u>	<u>302.4</u>	<u>331.7</u>	<u>361.7</u>
All Systems	199.3	394.5	622.3	845.5	1083.1	1321.3	1561.6	1804.5	2028.7	2260.4	2478.9	2693.0
2001 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	18.9	37.0										
Rural Other Arterial	30.2	59.2										
Other Rural	28.3	55.1										
Urban Interstate	30.1	58.8										
Urban Other Arterial	68.8	133.7										
Other Urban	<u>27.8</u>	<u>54.5</u>										
All Systems	204.0	398.3										
Percent Change In Cumulative Monthly Travel 2000 vs. 2001												
Rural Interstate	1.9	1.4										
Rural Other Arterial	2.1	0.4										
Other Rural	1.6	-0.1										
Urban Interstate	3.1	1.6										
Urban Other Arterial	2.8	1.3										
Other Urban	<u>1.7</u>	<u>0.8</u>										
All Systems	2.4	1.0										

* System entries may not add to give "All Systems" total due to rounding.

Table 3 - Changes On Rural Arterial Roads By Region and State

Region and State	February				January			
	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change
		2001 (Preliminary)	2000			2001 (Revised)	2000	
Northeast								
Connecticut	21	311	316	-1.7	23	334	323	3.4
Maine	-	402	398	1.0	-	428	406	5.5
Massachusetts	-	429	428	0.2	-	448	427	5.0
New Hampshire	45	317	311	1.8	54	329	310	6.4
New Jersey	12	678	670	1.2	15	627	581	7.9
New York	-	1,149	1,147	0.2	53	1,235	1,173	5.2
Pennsylvania	-	1,898	1,898	0.0	-	1,946	1,876	3.8
Rhode Island	5	48	48	1.9	10	30	30	2.2
Vermont	36	217	216	0.2	37	226	217	4.4
		5,448	5,431	0.3		5,604	5,342	4.9
South Atlantic								
Delaware	-	126	126	-0.4	-	138	131	5.4
Dist Of Columbia	-	0	0	0.0	-	0	0	0.0
Florida	-	2,380	2,352	1.2	-	2,488	2,419	2.9
Georgia	23	2,024	1,987	1.9	11	2,096	2,074	1.1
Maryland	-	729	715	2.0	-	759	698	8.8
North Carolina	44	1,783	1,786	-0.2	54	1,907	1,795	6.2
South Carolina	-	1,404	1,389	1.1	19	1,410	1,313	7.4
Virginia	143	1,589	1,559	1.9	132	1,629	1,481	10.0
West Virginia	24	538	527	2.1	26	566	545	3.8
		10,574	10,441	1.3		10,994	10,456	5.1
North Central								
Illinois	15	1,415	1,397	1.3	22	1,408	1,352	4.2
Indiana	-	1,371	1,370	0.1	-	1,507	1,471	2.4
Iowa	132	783	837	-6.5	133	871	877	-0.7
Kansas	148	673	722	-6.8	154	753	747	0.9
Michigan	119	1,548	1,553	-0.3	116	1,676	1,639	2.2
Minnesota	-	1,021	1,070	-4.6	-	1,129	1,126	0.3
Missouri	-	1,192	1,225	-2.7	2	1,172	1,234	-5.0
Nebraska	47	490	542	-9.5	47	555	574	-3.3
North Dakota	-	232	244	-5.1	-	242	243	-0.6
Ohio	62	1,566	1,581	-1.0	55	1,641	1,622	1.2
South Dakota	45	277	300	-7.6	52	303	319	-5.0
Wisconsin	132	1,371	1,401	-2.1	62	1,477	1,466	0.7
		11,939	12,242	-2.5		12,736	12,670	0.5
South Gulf								
Alabama	82	1,206	1,205	0.0	84	1,208	1,192	1.3
Arkansas	55	818	831	-1.6	45	845	870	-2.8
Kentucky	47	984	978	0.6	42	1,025	1,003	2.2
Louisiana	-	861	869	-0.9	-	861	883	-2.5
Mississippi	46	1,011	1,024	-1.3	42	1,022	1,047	-2.4
Oklahoma	-	856	889	-3.8	-	893	902	-1.0
Tennessee	10	1,412	1,418	-0.5	8	1,496	1,483	0.9
Texas	-	3,576	3,636	-1.6	-	3,621	3,727	-2.8
		10,723	10,851	-1.2		10,971	11,107	-1.2
West								
Alaska	44	80	77	4.5	40	81	75	7.9
Arizona	-	906	887	2.2	-	932	906	2.9
California	20	2,855	2,747	3.9	8	2,833	2,721	4.1
Colorado	-	798	844	-5.5	-	879	880	0.0
Hawaii	10	110	110	0.1	12	116	110	5.1
Idaho	160	324	327	-0.7	153	334	325	2.6
Montana	15	337	348	-3.1	18	367	361	1.8
Nevada	28	253	255	-0.5	28	270	270	0.0
New Mexico	-	628	627	0.1	-	673	657	2.5
Oregon	-	777	753	3.2	133	767	733	4.5
Utah	86	408	409	-0.3	81	435	429	1.4
Washington	-	740	745	-0.7	-	770	741	3.9
Wyoming	71	257	264	-2.5	71	285	280	1.9
		8,473	8,391	1.0		8,742	8,488	3.0
TOTALS	1,727	47,156	47,356	-0.4	1,842	49,047	48,065	2.0

Note: Where Number of Stations are shown as dashes, the values for Vehicle-Miles and Percent Change are derived from the estimated VMT based on data from surrounding States or the Nationwide average VMT.

Traffic Volume Trends-Rural

Estimated Vehicle Miles (Millions) and Percent Change from Same Period Previous Year

(Includes Preliminary Data for February 2001)

Year - 2000																													
Rural Interstate			% Jan 18,530 Feb 17,981 Mar 21,547 Q1 58,058		Rural Other Arterial			% Jan 29,535 Feb 29,375 Mar 34,503 Q1 93,413		Other Rural			% Jan 27,805 Feb 27,321 Mar 32,301 Q1 87,427		Total Rural			% Jan 75,870 Feb 74,677 Mar 88,351 Q1 238,898		All Systems			% Jan 199,278 Feb 195,203 Mar 227,825 Q1 622,306						
Apr	21,741	1.6	Apr	34,199	1.1	Apr	32,025	-1.0	Apr	87,965	0.4	Apr	223,149	0.5	May	23,175	2.2	May	36,955	1.9	May	94,766	1.4	May	237,596	2.5			
Jun	23,559	1.6	Jun	37,190	1.4	Jun	34,556	-1.3	Jun	95,305	0.5	Jun	238,257	0.5	Q2	68,475	1.8	Q2	108,344	1.5	Q2	278,036	0.8	Q2	699,002	1.2			
1st Half		126,533	2.6	1st Half		201,757	2.3	1st Half		188,644	0.3	1st Half		516,934	1.6	1st Half		1,321,308		1.7									
Jul	25,299	-0.7	Jul	38,962	-1.1	Jul	35,471	-3.1	Jul	99,732	-1.7	Jul	240,303	-1.6	Aug	24,774	0.5	Aug	38,469	-0.1	Aug	98,526	-0.3	Aug	242,867	0.1			
Sep	21,847	0.0	Sep	35,173	-0.7	Sep	32,662	-1.8	Sep	89,682	-1.0	Sep	224,183	-0.5	Q3	71,920	-0.1	Q3	112,604	-0.6	Q3	103,416	-2.0	Q3	287,940	-1.0	Q3	707,353	-0.7
3 Qs		198,453	1.6	3 Qs		314,361	1.2	3 Qs		292,060	-0.5	3 Qs		804,874	0.7	3 Qs		2,028,661		0.9									
Oct	22,309	-1.0	Oct	35,892	-0.7	Oct	33,516	-1.5	Oct	91,717	-1.0	Oct	231,755	-1.2	Nov	20,997	-2.3	Nov	32,794	-2.5	Nov	84,052	-2.9	Nov	218,446	-2.0			
Dec	20,310	-2.8	Dec	31,641	-4.1	Dec	28,817	-7.3	Dec	80,768	-4.9	Dec	214,176	-3.7	Q4	63,616	-2.0	Q4	100,327	-2.4	Q4	92,594	-4.1	Q4	256,537	-2.9	Q4	664,377	-2.3
2nd Half		135,536	-1.0	2nd Half		212,931	-1.5	2nd Half		196,010	-3.0	2nd Half		544,477	-1.9	2nd Half		1,371,730		-1.5									
Year		262,069	0.7	Year		414,688	0.3	Year		384,654	-1.4	Year		1,061,411	-0.2	Year		2,693,038		0.1									

Traffic Volume Trends - Urban

Estimated Vehicle Miles (Millions) and Percent Change from Same Period Previous Year

(Includes Preliminary Data for February 2001)

Year - 2000												
	<u>Urban Interstate</u>	%	<u>Urban Other Arterial</u>	%	<u>Other Urban</u>	%	<u>Total Urban</u>	%	<u>All Systems</u>	%		
Jan	29,212	4.1	Jan	66,896	1.9	Jan	27,300	0.8	Jan	123,408	2.2	
Feb	28,677	3.0	Feb	65,077	1.5	Feb	26,772	0.0	Feb	120,526	1.5	
Mar	<u>32,918</u>	3.6	Mar	<u>75,680</u>	2.2	Mar	<u>30,876</u>	1.1	Mar	<u>139,474</u>	2.3	
Q1	90,807	3.6	Q1	207,653	1.9	Q1	84,948	0.7	Q1	383,408	2.0	
Apr	32,152	1.8	Apr	72,861	0.5	Apr	30,171	-0.6	Apr	135,184	0.6	
May	34,333	4.8	May	76,654	3.2	May	31,843	1.6	May	142,830	3.2	
Jun	<u>34,268</u>	1.9	Jun	<u>77,184</u>	0.6	Jun	<u>31,500</u>	-0.8	Jun	<u>142,952</u>	0.6	
Q2	100,753	2.9	Q2	226,699	1.4	Q2	93,514	0.1	Q2	420,966	1.5	
1st Half	191,560	3.2	1st Half	434,352	1.6	1st Half	178,462	0.4	1st Half	804,374	1.7	
Jul	33,596	-0.1	Jul	75,649	-1.5	Jul	31,326	-3.1	Jul	140,571	-1.5	
Aug	34,494	1.3	Aug	78,145	0.8	Aug	31,702	-1.4	Aug	144,341	0.4	
Sep	<u>32,449</u>	0.4	Sep	<u>72,242</u>	0.4	Sep	<u>29,810</u>	-2.2	Sep	<u>134,501</u>	-0.2	
Q3	100,539	0.5	Q3	226,036	-0.1	Q3	92,838	-2.2	Q3	419,413	-0.4	
3 Qs	292,099	2.3	3 Qs	660,388	1.0	3 Qs	271,300	-0.5	3 Qs	1,223,787	1.0	
Oct	33,310	-0.4	Oct	75,643	-1.7	Oct	31,085	-1.5	Oct	140,038	-1.4	
Nov	32,060	-0.6	Nov	73,025	-0.9	Nov	29,309	-3.4	Nov	134,394	-1.3	
Dec	<u>31,250</u>	-1.3	Dec	<u>72,123</u>	-2.6	Dec	<u>30,035</u>	-5.6	Dec	<u>133,408</u>	-3.0	
Q4	96,620	-0.7	Q4	220,791	-1.7	Q4	90,429	-3.5	Q4	407,840	-1.9	
2nd Half	197,159	-0.1	2nd Half	446,827	-0.9	2nd Half	183,267	-2.9	2nd Half	827,253	-1.2	
Year	388,719	1.5	Year	881,179	0.3	Year	361,729	-1.3	Year	1,631,627	0.2	
										Year	2,693,038	0.1

Year - 2001															
Urban Interstate			%	Urban Other Arterial		%	Other Urban		%	Total Urban		%	All Systems		%
Jan	30,111	3.1	Jan	68,801	2.8	Jan	27,777	1.7	Jan	126,689	2.7	Jan	203,991	2.4	
Feb	28,719	0.1	Feb	64,868	-0.3	Feb	26,706	-0.2	Feb	120,293	-0.2	Feb	194,265	-0.5	
Mar	0	-	Mar	0	-	Mar	0	-	Mar	0	-	Mar	0	-	
Q1	58,830	1.6	Q1	133,669	1.3	Q1	54,483	0.8	Q1	246,982	1.2	Q1	398,256	1.0	
Apr	0	-	Apr	0	-	Apr	0	-	Apr	0	-	Apr	0	-	
May	0	-	May	0	-	May	0	-	May	0	-	May	0	-	
Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	
Q2	0	-	Q2	0	-	Q2	0	-	Q2	0	-	Q2	0	-	
1st Half	58,830	1.6	1st Half	133,669	1.3	1st Half	54,483	0.8	1st Half	246,982	1.2	1st Half	398,256	1.0	
Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	
Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	
Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	
Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	
3 Qs	58,830	1.6	3 Qs	133,669	1.3	3 Qs	54,483	0.8	3 Qs	246,982	1.2	3 Qs	398,256	1.0	
Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	
Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	
Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	
Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	
2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	
Year	58,830	1.6	Year	133,669	1.3	Year	54,483	0.8	Year	246,982	1.2	Year	398,256	1.0	

FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12-MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS

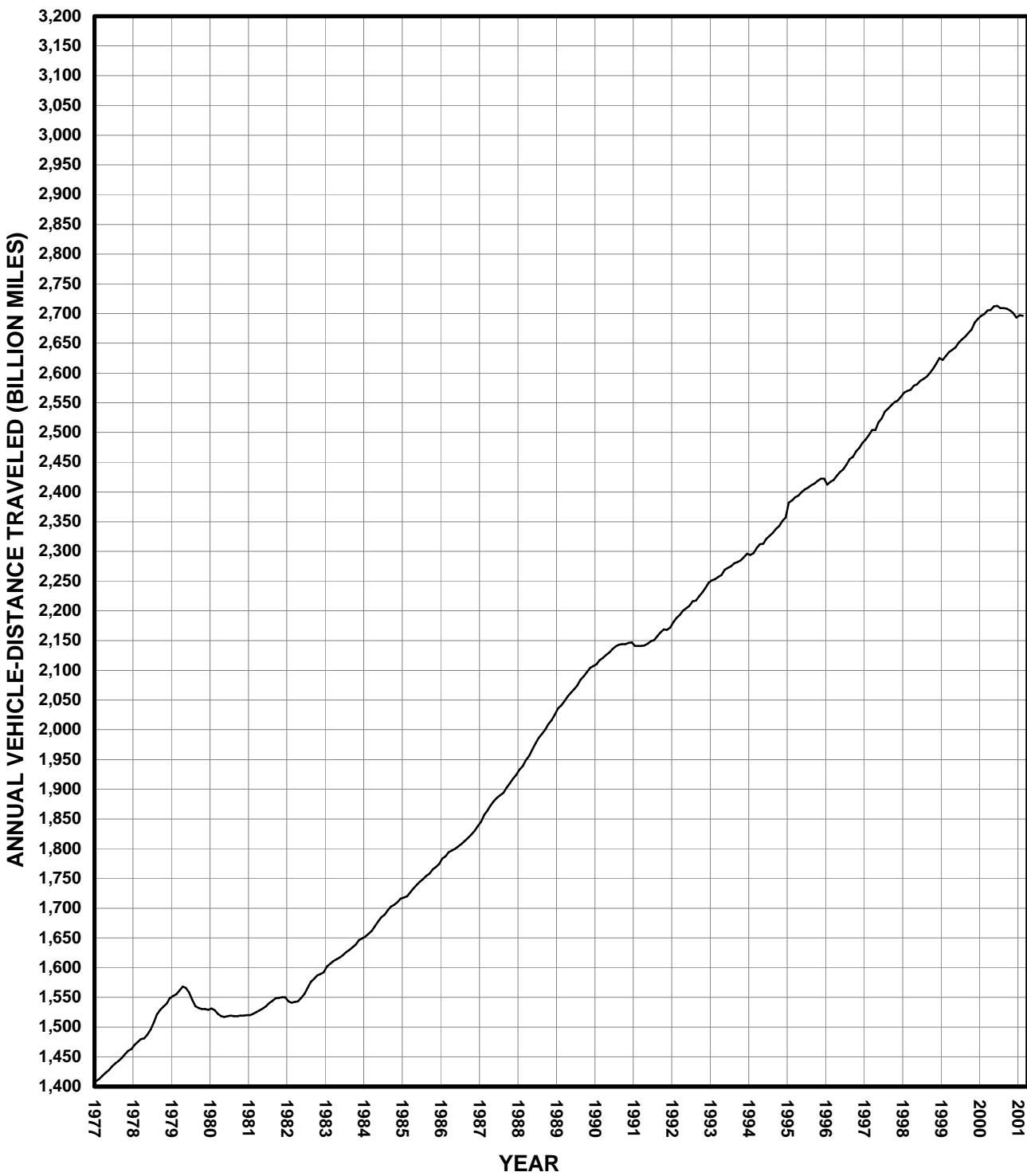


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U.S. HIGHWAYS BY MONTH

